

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 EC BRU 01647 261803Z

47

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-10 ISO-00 AGR-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00

COME-00 DODE-00 FRB-03 H-01 INR-07 INT-05 L-02 LAB-04

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 AID-05 CIEP-01 SS-15 STR-01

TAR-01 TRSE-00 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 FEAE-00 OMB-01

SAM-01 /098 W

----- 060794

P R 261739Z FEB 75

FM USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8362

INFO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

USMISSION OECD PARIS

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE EC BRUSSELS 1647

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT, ETRD, RO, EEC

SUBJECT: GATT WORKING PARTY ON ROMANIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF

REF: A. STATE 38692 B. GENEVA 1275

1. SUMMARY: THE EC, WHILE SHARING US OBJECTIVES WITH REGARD TO THE ROMANIAN TARIFF, WISHES TO PRESERVE A LEGAL BASIS FOR ITS QRS ON ROMANIAN TRADE, AND STILL WOULD LIKE AN EXPLICIT STATEMENT IN THE WORKING PARTY REPORT THAT A TARIFF PLAYS AN ESSENTIALLY DIFFERENT ROLE FOR A SOCIALIST COUNTRY. THE COMMISSION SEES THE POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, OF A COMMON US-EC POSITION REGARDING THE DESIRED OUTCOME OF THE WORKING PARTY. END SUMMARY.

2. A MISSION OFFICER ON FEBRUARY 25 DISCUSSED WITH KLEIN, THE EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THE US POSITION AND ATTITUDE REGARDING
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 EC BRU 01647 261803Z

THE ROMANIAN TARIFF AS GIVEN IN REF A. KLEIN EXPRESSED

APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION. HE WELCOMED, PARTICULARLY, THE FORMULATION IN REFTEL, THAT THE ROMANIAN TARIFF "HAS SOME BUT NOT DETERMINING EFFECT ON ROMANIA'S FOREIGN TRADE". HE ALSO APPLAUDED THE QUALIFICATION THAT THE US IN ACCEPTING THE STATEMENT THAT THE TARIFF HAS A ROLE, WOULD DO SO ON THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS STATEMENT WOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION IN GATT OF BINDINGS AND REDUCTIONS IN DUTIES.

3. THE COMMISSION, HOWEVER, WHILE SHARING US OBJECTIVES AND ATTITUDES, HAS ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES. IT WANTS TO PRESERVE THE VALIDITY NOT JUST OF ANNEX B TO THE PROTOCOL OF ROMANIAN ACCESSION, BUT OF THE ENTIRE PROTOCOL, SO AS TO MAINTAIN LEGAL COVER FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF QRS ON IMPORTS FROM ROMANIA. SECONDLY, THE COMMISSION UP TO NOW HAS CONSIDERED THAT IF A STATEMENT WERE TO BE MADE IN THE WORKING PARTY'S REPORT THAT THE ROMANIAN TARIFF PLAYS SOME ROLE, THIS STATEMENT SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY AN EXPLICIT STATEMENT THAT THE ROLE OF A TARIFF IS DIFFERENT FOR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FROM THE ROLE IT PLAYS FOR MARKET-ECONOMY COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, KLEIN INDICATED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ROLL THIS STATEMENT INTO THE ONE WHICH NOTES THAT THE ROMANIAN TARIFF HAS "SOME BUT NOT DETERMINING EFFECT".

4. KLEIN WOUND UP THE MEETING BY STATING HIS VIEW THAT FURTHER US-EC EXCHANGES MIGHT MAKE POSSIBLE A COMMON POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. WE INFORMED HIM THAT A SIMILAR MEETING WAS TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE US AND EC MISSIONS IN GENEVA, AND HE SAID HE WOULD BRIEF KWAN ON OUR SESSION. (ON FEB. 26 WELLENSTEIN, THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, WHO HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT, THANKED US FOR THE BRIEFING, AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TWO GENEVA MISSIONS WOULD BE GETTING TOGETHER VERY SHORTLY.)

5. IN THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSION WE TOLD KLEIN WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EC AND ROMANIA HAD JOINTLY SUGGESTED THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE WP MEETING. KLEIN RESPONDED THAT THE ROMANIANS HAD SUGGESTED A POSTPONEMENT TO PERMIT THEM TO DO SOME LOBBYING. THE EC HAD SIMPLY GONE ALONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 EC BRU 01647 261803Z

WITH THE ROMANIAN SUGGESTION. KLEIN ADMITTED THAT IT WAS CONVENIENT FOR THE EC TO DO SO, BUT HE EXPRESSED SOME AMUSED IRRITATION AT WHAT HE REGARDED AS TYPICAL ROMANIAN MISREPRESENTATION OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED, AND HE WARNED OF THE POTENTIAL DANGERS IN THE ROMANIAN LOBBYING EFFORT. HE NOTED, AS AN EXAMPLE, THAT THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO GET THE SWISS AT ONE STAGE TO AGREE THAT THE ROMANIAN TARIFF PLAYED A "DETERMINING" ROLE. MYERSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COMMITTEE MEETINGS, TARIFFS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975ECBRU01647
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750067-1119
From: EC BRUSSELS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750212/aaaaakfr.tel
Line Count: 115
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 38692, 75 GENEVA 1275
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 APR 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <17 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GATT WORKING PARTY ON ROMANIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF
TAGS: ETRD, RO, GATT, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006